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SUBJ: MALIK ACTIVITY ON MIDDLE EAST

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1. SC PRESIDENT FACIO TOLD ME LAST EVENING THAT MALIK HAD COME BACK TO HIM FOR AFTERNOON MEETING JANUARY 21 "A DIFFERENT MAN." IN CONTRAST TO MORNING SESSION ON TELPEPHONE WHEN MALIK HAD BLUSTERED AT FACIO AND ATTEMPTED TO STEAMROLL HIM INTO CALLING AFTERNOON CONSULTATIONS ON UNEF MATTERS, MALIK WAS CALM IN SECOND CONVERSATION. HE ARGUED HIS SUBSTANTIVE POINTS BUT IN NON-AGGRESSIVE MANNER AND DID NOT CONTINUE PRESSING FOR "IMMEDIATE" SC CONSULTATION. HE SAID THE ISSUE WAS NOT URGENT NOW BUT ON THE OTHER HAND CONSIDERATION OF IT SHOULD NOT BE DELAYED EITHER. FACIO AND HE AGREED THEY WOULD TALK LATER IN WEEK RE POSSIBLE SCHEDULING OF INFORMAL PRIVATE MEETING OF SC.

2. MALIK INSISTED SC MUST CONSIDER FOLLOWING MATTERS:

- (1) "BOTH GENERALS" (PRESUMABLY NEW HEAD OF UNTSO AND NEW DEPUTY COMMANDER UNEF) NEED APPROVAL OF COUNCIL, AND
- (2) SYG HAD NO RIGHT, SAID MALIK TO ANNOUNCE ENLARGEMENT OF UNEF FROM 7000 TO 7800 AND THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL. MALIK PUT EMPHASIS WITH FACIO, AS HE HAS IN SECRET

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CONVERSATIONS WITH OTHERS, ON ADDITIONAL EXPENSE THAT WOULD BE CAUSED USSR BY SUCH AN EXPANSION. HE HAS ON SEPARATE OCCASIONS ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL SOVIET COSTS AT \$400,000 AND AT \$1,000,000. FACIO SAID HE HAD ARGUED WITH MALIK IN FAVOR SYG'S

AUTHORITY MAKE THIS MINOR READJUSTMENT OF AUTHORIZED UNEF LEVEL AND HAD POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS LARGER THAN ANTICIPATED CANADIAN AND POLISH LOGISTIC CONTINGENTS THAT HAD LED TO SYG ACTION.

3. IN RESPONSE MY INQUIRY, FACIO SAID MALIK HAD BROUGHT UP WITH HIM ISSUE OF UNEQUAL PAY FOR VARIOUS NATIONAL TROOP CONTINGENTS. HOWEVER, MALIK HAD NOT IN THAT PARTICULAR CONVERSATION GIVEN MATTER*ANY EMPHASIS OR TREATED IT WITH ANY SPECIAL URGENCY. FACIO WENT ON TO SAY THAT IN ADDITION TO EARLIER (USUN 191) APPROACH BY INDIAN PERM REP ON QUESTION OF EQUAL PAY, HE HAD ALSO HAD APPROACH ABOUT MATTER FROM KENYA (A COUNTRY WHICH IS CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF SC AND WHICH HAS TROOPS COMMITTED TO UNEF.)

4. COMMENT: IT WILL BE NOTED THAT MALIK'S C*ANGE OF TONE CAME FOLLOWING TELEPHONE CALL TO HIM FROM AMBASSADOR SCALI IN WASHINGTON IN EARLY AFTERNOON. IT IS NOT CLEAR TO US WHETHER MALIK ALSO HAD CALL FROM DOBRYNIN. CREDIT IS ALSO DUE SC PRESIDENT FOR STANDING HIS-GROUND WITH MALIK AND NOT ALLOWING HIMSELF TO BE PUSHED AROUND. FACIO IS LOW-KEY LATIN WITH QUIET STRENGTH AND CONSIDERABLE SELF-ASSURANCE. HE IS HIS OWN MAN AND HE STOOD UP SUCCESSFULLY YESTERDAY TO BADGERING BY BOTH MALIK AND CHINESE PERM REP HUANG HUA, LATTER ON ISSUE OF PARACELS. FACIO IN BOTH CASES HAS CAST CONSULTATIONS IN HIS OWN TIME FRAME AND HAS REQUIRED BOTH THE COMMUNIST GIANTS TO MARCH TO HIS BEAT. BENNETT

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